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Detour on Blodgett Road at I-55 for Bridge Work

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that work on the Blodgett Road over I-55 Bridge and Blodgett Road over Grant Creek Bridge near Channahon, will begin, weather permitting, Wednesday, March 18.

In order to complete the work of permanently removing the bridge over I-55 and reconstructing the bridge over Grant Creek, Blodgett Road will be closed between I-55 and Grant Creek until the project is completed at the end of September. A detour will be posted, directing Blodgett Road traffic south on I-55 to Lorenzo Road, west to Will Road, north to Blodgett Road, and to the reverse route.

In addition to the work on Blodgett Road over I-55, the bridge over Grant Creek will be reconstructed and new pavement realigning the west frontage road connection to Blodgett Road will be built. Later in the spring, nighttime lane closures will be required on I-55 for completion of the project. Full stops of traffic for up to 15 minutes between the hours of 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. will also be necessary to complete removal of the structure.

Motorists should allow extra time while the detour is in effect. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to the signs for the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, and be on the alert for workers and equipment in the area.

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 at www.dot.state.il.us. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com.